

SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,  
King Street,  
Scarborough.

July 1956.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR  
THE SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR  
ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the  
SCALBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Report for the year 1955.

For the third successive year there has been a slight increase in population. This is presumably due to immigration as the number of deaths is again greater than the number of births.

Generally speaking the Vital Statistics are satisfactory, the absence of any infant deaths being again the outstanding feature.

Notifications of infectious disease were, apart from measles, below average - but measles itself showed an unusually high incidence. Fortunately, the disease is generally mild and complications few.

I have to thank Mr. Horn and other officials of the Council for their ready co-operation and the Council for their continued support.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

W. G. EVANS.

M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.



The following Committees of the Scalby Urban District Council are concerned with matters of public health viz:-

The Sanitary & Lighting Committee  
 The Water Committee.  
 In addition the Authority has a representative on  
 The Scarborough Area Local Health Sub-Committee.  
 (No.10 Area of the North Riding of Yorkshire  
 County Council).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Population.

The mid-year population estimated by the Registrar-General at 6,320 shews an increase of 50 compared with 1954.

Births.

A total of 60 live births gave a birth rate of 9.5 per 1,000 population, as against 11.8 for 1954. The rate for England and Wales is 15.0.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	24	32	56
Illegitimate	-	4	4
	<u>24</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>60</u>
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Still-Births

Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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Still-birth rate - 16.4.

Still-birth rate for England & Wales - 23.1

Deaths.

Of the 93 deaths among Scalby Urban District residents, 31 occurred in persons over the age of 80.

No death was associated with child-birth.

Causes of Death.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.....	-	1	1
" " lung, bronchus.....	1	1	2
" " breast.....	-	2	2
" " Uterus.....	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms..	6	3	9
Diabetes.....	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.....	4	6	10
Coronary disease, angina.....	10	5	15
Hypertension with heart disease.....	3	2	5
Other heart diseases.....	10	14	24



Causes of Death (cont).

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other circulatory diseases.....	1	1	2
Influenza.....	-	2	2
Pneumonia.....	2	-	2
Bronchitis.....	-	1	1
Gastritis.....	-	1	1
Nephritis & Nephrosis.....	2	1	3
Hyperplasia of prostate.....	3	-	3
Other defined & ill-defined diseases...	3	4	7
Accidents (other than motor).....	1	-	1
Suicide.....	1	-	1
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	47	46	93
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The crude death rate of 14.7 per 1,000 population, when adjusted by applying the Comparability Factor, to allow for age distribution, becomes 10.2 compared with 10.0 for 1954. The death rate for England and Wales for 1955 was 11.7.

There were no Infant deaths. The Infantile Mortality rate for England and Wales is 24.9.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Infant</u> <u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Still</u> <u>Births</u>	<u>Rate</u>
1952	6,171	72	11.7	87	9.8	-	-	1	13.7
1953	6,190	72	11.6	67	7.6	-	-	1	13.7
1954	6,270	74	11.8	89	10.0	4	54.0	3	39.0
1955	6,320	60	9.5	93	10.2	-	-	1	16.4


Infectious Diseases.

More cases of infectious disease were notified during 1955 (177 against 27). Measles was the most frequently reported and accounted for the increased number of notifications. No case of Diphtheria or the Enteric Group of Fevers occurred in 1955.

Notifications

Scarlet Fever.....	2
Whooping Cough.....	5
Measles.....	162
Infantile Paralysis.....	2 +
Pneumonia.....	3
Malaria.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	2
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+ diagnosis in 1 case NOT confirmed.



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National Assistance Act, 1948 (Sections 47 and 50).

It was not necessary during the year to resort to S.47 of this Act which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital or suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention within the meaning of the Section, nor under Section 50 was the Council called upon to arrange for the burial of any person for whom no other arrangements for burial had been or were being made by any other persons.

I am indebted to Mr. Horn the Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor for the following information:-

Housing.

No further development has taken place during the year under review on the Highfield Estate. Scarborough Corporation have completed 14 dwellings within the Urban Area, and 26 houses have been erected by private enterprise.

Water Supply.

Regular and systematic examination of the Borehole water continues to prove that the water remains equal to Ministry of Health Class I (Highly Satisfactory) and of adequate quantity to serve the needs of the district. Twenty six samples for Bacteriological and one hundred and two samples for Chemical Analysis were made during the fiscal year, which all proved to be satisfactory. Most of the samples of the latter classification were examined by the staff in the water department, with particular emphasis on the tests for Fe. Iron and Manganese removal.

Typical Routine Bacteriological Report.

<u>Source.</u>	<u>Prob. Coliform</u> <u>per 100 M.L.</u>	<u>Prob. Faecal</u> <u>Coli per 100 M.L.</u>	<u>Prob. Non Faecal</u> <u>Coli per 100 ML</u>	<u>Equivalent</u> <u>to M.O.H.</u>
Borehole	0	0	0	Class I. H/S.

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Typical Chemical Analysis.

Sample of water from pumphouse. Scalby Nabs, Treated water.

	<u>Parts per million.</u>
Total Solids. . . . .	380
Chloride. . . . .	25
Sulphate. . . . .	12
Alkalinity as CaCO <sub>3</sub> . . . . .	246
Total Hardness. . . . .	163
Temporary Hardness. . . . .	163
Hardness due to Calcium . . . . .	137
Hardness due to Magnesium . . . . .	26
Lead, Copper, Zinc. . . . .	Nil
Iron. . . . .	Nil
Manganese . . . . .	Nil
Free Ammonia. . . . .	0.03
Albuminoid Ammonia. . . . .	0.02
Nitrous Nitrogen. . . . .	Nil
Nitric Nitrogen . . . . .	0.5
Fluorine. . . . .	0.1
p.H. . . . .	7.8

This water is of good organic purity.

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A new 3" water main complete with hydrants was installed to serve Beech Drive, Scalby, to meet the needs of housing development. The work was carried out by direct labour.

#### Food Hygiene.

The occupiers of all food premises within the area still remain very co-operative, and every effort is made to continue the high standard in Food Hygiene as enjoyed during the past year. Posters and abstracts under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 were supplied to occupiers of all premises concerned.

#### Camping Sites.

Two temporary camping sites were authorised at Wrea Head Scalby, for use during the summer months. This scheme was inaugurated by the North Riding Education Committee. There still remains one permanent Caravan Site at Highmill Farm Scalby licensed to accommodate ten caravans. The owner of this site has expressed his willingness to provide a suitable sanitary block complete with ablutions. This would replace the existing chemical closets. Permission has been granted for fifteen months to the siting of two caravans at High Farm, Throxenby.

#### Sanitary Conditions.

#### Refuse Collection.

This department continued to serve the district efficiently and at least a weekly collection has been maintained throughout the year with the exception of a few outlying properties where adequate collection has been carried out.

#### Public Health Act 1936.

During the fiscal year 150 visits have been carried out and 30 nuisances were discovered, all of which were abated without resorting to the service of statutory notices.

#### Rodent Control.

From 1st April during the year under review a part time Rodent Operative has been employed, when 158 surveys necessitating 51 treatments were carried out resulting in 526 estimated killed and 184 actual rat bodies being recovered. In all cases methods of Rodent destruction recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food were exclusively adopted.

#### Voluntary Surrender of Food.

The following is the list indicating Food voluntarily surrendered during the year under return:-

14 lb	-	Prepared meat
3 doz.	-	Eggs
7 lb.	-	Tinned fruit
6 lb.	-	Pickled Onions (1 lb jars)

#### Meat Inspection.

There are three licenced private slaughterhouses within the Urban District. 312 visits were made and 10½ cwts of meat and offal were voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

#### Milk Licences.

Dealers and Supplementary Licences authorising the sale of Designated Milk were issued as follows:-



Dealers.

Mr. F. Thorp, 58, Scalby Avenue, Newby, Scarborough.  
Mr. N. Hall, 46, Moor Lane, Newby, Scarborough.  
Mr. A.P. Waite, 51, Green Lane, Newby, Scarborough.

Supplementary Licences.

Woodlands Dairy Ltd., Sherwood Street, Scarborough.  
Woodhead (Scarborough) Ltd., Commercial Street, Scarborough.  
J. Rowntree & Son Ltd., High Street, Scalby, Scarborough.  
Lynns (Dukes) Ltd., 25, High Street, Scalby, Scarborough.  
Mr. J. Wood, 21, Greylands Park Drive, Scarborough.  
Mr. J. B. Bool, 313, Scalby Road, Scarborough.  
Mr. A.V. Adcock, 155, Burniston Road, Newby, Scarborough.  
Scarborough Co-operative Society, Belle Vue Street, Scarborough.  
K. Hoole, 44, Newlands Park Drive, Newby, Scarborough.  
A. Brumand, 28, Nansen Street, Scarborough.

Streets.

During the year under review the remaining part of Lady Edith's Avenue, length - 625 feet was adopted by the Council as a public highway. Russet Grove, length - 367 feet was metalled, paved and drained under the provision of Section 150 of the Public Health Act 1875.

A private road known as Beech Drive, off Scalby Road, Scalby, length - 120 feet, was completed up to a standard required under the Private Street Works code.

All the above mentioned works were carried out by direct labour.

Salvage.

An amount of 105 tons 11 cwt of waste paper was collected and disposed of through the usual channels. Quantities of scrap metal and rags were also collected and sold. Co-operation of the householders remains excellent.

Housing.

Numbers completed 1946/1954	288 houses 4 shops
Numbers completed by private enterprise	
1946/1954	115 houses
Numbers completed by private enterprise	
1955	26 houses
Numbers completed by Scarborough Corpn.	
1955	6 houses 8 flats.

Factories.

There are 15 factories within the Urban Area. During the year the Cochrane Engineering Company Ltd., opened premises sited in Newby Bridge Lane, Newby, the work of which largely constitutes special process plating.

Sewers.

A relief sewerage scheme is in progress providing three new storm overflows of the Syphonic Type. This scheme is being carried out by contract labour.

Also completed during the year was 139 yards lineal of 6" sewer to serve housing development for private enterprise, at a site off Hackness Road, Newby, this work was carried out by direct labour.

Farms.

Regular visits were made to the twenty two farms sited within the Urban area.



Shop Acts 1950.

60 visits were made under the Shop Acts and four unsatisfactory conditions found which were abated after informal action.

Factories Acts 1937 & 1948.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Scalby Urban District Council for the year ended 31st, December, 1955.

Following is an abbreviated copy of Form 572 (Revised) which, in accordance with the Regulations in that behalf, has been forwarded direct to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, viz:-

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections by Sanitary Inspector.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(a) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	13	70	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which S.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	2	12	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	15	82	Nil	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
(a) Want of Cleanliness	1	1	Nil	Nil
(b) Inadequate ventilation	1	1	Nil	Nil
(c) Ineffective drainage of floors.	2	2	Nil	Nil
(d) Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable	2	2	Nil	Nil
Insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	6	6	Nil	Nil



3. Part VIII of the Act - OUTWORK (Sections 110 & 111)

Number of outworkers etc.,       -    Nil

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